KDE Civics Symposium Rubric Essay/Paper/Report

	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair
Problem in local, regional or global	 A problem is clearly identified and 	☐ A problem is clearly identified and	☐ A problem is identified.	A problem is not clearly identified.
Research	thoroughly explained. A wide variety of credible primary and secondary sources are utilized to effectively	explained. A variety of credible primary and secondary sources are utilized to	☐ Some primary and secondary sources are utilized to present and solve	☐ Limited sources are utilized to present and solve the problem.
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Idea development	□ Ideas are developed with depth and complexity to provide insight, support, and clarification of the topic through the use of appropriate and effective examples, details, facts, explanations, descriptions or arguments.	□ Ideas are developed with some depth and complexity to provide insight, support, and clarification of the topic through the use of appropriate and effective examples, details, facts, explanations, descriptions or arguments.	□ Ideas are developed to provide insight, support, and clarification of the topic through the use of some appropriate and effective examples, details, facts, explanations, descriptions or arguments.	□ Lacks ideas to provide insight, support, and clarification of the topic through the use of appropriate and effective examples, details, facts, explanations, descriptions or arguments.
Multiple perspectives	 Multiple perspectives are presented and considered thoughtfully throughout to determine that the problem needs to be solved. 	☐ Some perspectives are presented to identify why the problem needs to be solved.	☐ Few perspectives are presented to identify why the problem needs to be solved.	☐ Only one perspective is presented to identify why the problem needs to be solved.
Action plan	 An action plan is presented that fully addresses the problem. Solutions provided are creative, realistic and reasonable. 	 □ An action plan is presented that addresses most aspects of the problem. □ Solutions provided are realistic and reasonable. 	 □ An action plan is presented that addresses some or few aspects of the problem. □ Solutions provided are mostly realistic and reasonable. 	 □ An action plan is not presented or does not address the problem. □ Solutions provided are unrealistic or unreasonable.

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Student ownership	 □ Students use their own ideas, purposes, approach, experience, learning, inquiry, organization, and take true ownership of the product. □ Students' ideas are original, creative, persuasive, and thought-provoking. 	 □ Students mostly use their own ideas, purposes, approach, experience, learning, inquiry, organization, and take true ownership of the product. □ Students' ideas are original and show some creativity and persuasion. 	□ Students sometimes use their own ideas, purposes, approach, experience, learning, inquiry, organization, and take true ownership of the product. □ Students' ideas mostly reflect research but show some creativity and persuasion.	□ Students do not use their own ideas, purposes, approach, experience, learning, inquiry, organization, and do not take true ownership of the product. □ Students' ideas mostly reflect research.
Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Social Studies mastery	☐ Mastery of the inquiry practices and the disciplinary strand standards of the KAS for Social Studies is clearly demonstrated throughout.	☐ Mastery of the inquiry practices and the disciplinary strand standards of the KAS for Social Studies is clearly demonstrated.	□ Some mastery of the inquiry practices and the disciplinary strand standards of the KAS for Social Studies is demonstrated.	□ Little to no mastery of the inquiry practices and the disciplinary strand standards of the KAS for Social Studies is demonstrated.
Essay/Report/Paper	□ Correct grammar, spelling and mechanics and strong word usage are used throughout. □ Written paper is neat, easy to read, well organized and contains visual elements such as images and graphics to enhance the explanatory or argumentative purpose.	 ☐ Mostly correct grammar, spelling and mechanics are used throughout. ☐ Written paper is neat, easy to read, and contains visual elements such as images and graphics to enhance the explanatory or argumentative purpose. 	□ Some errors in grammar, spelling and mechanics are found throughout. □ Written paper is mostly easy to read and contains some visual elements such as images and graphics to enhance the explanatory or argumentative purpose.	 □ Many errors in grammar, spelling and mechanics are found throughout. □ Written paper is not easy to read and lacks visual elements such as images and graphics to enhance the explanatory or argumentative purpose.